

Relict Trillium

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IDENTIFICATION: The Relict Trillium (*Trillium reliquum*) is a fleshy, low growing (12 inches or less) plant with waxy dark green blotchy leaves. The flower appears to sit on the top leaves on the stalk. It is greenish-brown, purple, or occasionally pure yellow and is among the earliest of spring bloomers. The plant dies back to its underground portion in the summer and emerges in the spring. Trilliums grow in moist, shady hardwood forests.



FORESTRY CONSIDERATIONS:

Trillium is adversely affected by fire and grows best in the shade. Harvests that remove shade or dry out sites, and the use of fire are likely to adversely impact relict trilliums.

DISTRIBUTION BY COUNTY: This plant is known to occur only in Bullock, Henry and Lee counties.

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